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Re: RICHARDS, Victor
New United States Patent Application
Filed: Concurrently Herewith
Title: Automatic Transmission for Light Vehicles
Employing V-Twin Engines

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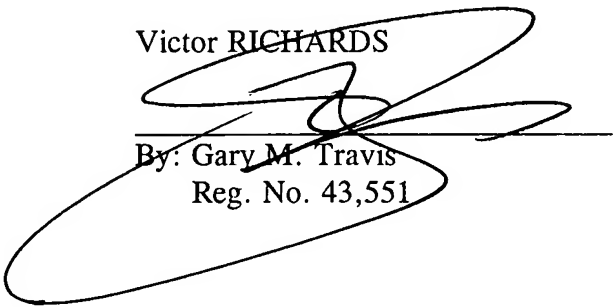
U.S. Patent No. 5,951,434, Richards et al.

Attached is a completed form PTO/SB/08A listing this reference. A copy of the above noted reference is attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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